

which reads "The provisions of this Act shall cease to have effect on January 20, 1945, unless continued in force by an Act of Congress", and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "This Act shall remain in force during the continuance of the present war, and for six months after the termination thereof, or until such earlier time as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President may designate."

Approved December 15, 1944.

[CHAPTER 592]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To extend the statute of limitation in certain cases.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That effective as of December 7, 1943, all statutes, resolutions, laws, articles, and regulations, affecting the possible prosecution of any person or persons, military or civil, connected with the Pearl Harbor catastrophe of December 7, 1941, or involved in any other possible or apparent dereliction of duty, or crime or offense against the United States, that operate to prevent the court martial, prosecution, trial, or punishment of any person or persons in military or civil capacity, involved in any matter in connection with the Pearl Harbor catastrophe of December 7, 1941, or involved in any other possible or apparent dereliction of duty, or crime or offense against the United States, are hereby extended for a further period of six months, in addition to the extensions provided for in Public Law 208, Seventy-eighth Congress, and Public Law 339, Seventy-eighth Congress.

Approved December 15, 1944.

[CHAPTER 595]

AN ACT

To amend the District of Columbia Motor Vehicle Parking Facility Act of 1942, approved February 16, 1942.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That paragraph lettered (b) of section 3 of the District of Columbia Motor Vehicle Parking Facility Act of 1942, approved February 16, 1942, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "The words 'such property' in this paragraph shall include, in addition to property acquired under this Act, any other property, heretofore or hereafter acquired by the District, until needed for the purpose for which it was acquired, or if no longer needed for the purpose for which it was acquired, or upon which parking facilities may be established without impairing its use for the purpose for which it was acquired: *Provided*, That in each case the agency shall have made a determination that parking facilities thereon are necessary or expedient. Before establishing any parking facilities upon the property not acquired under authority of this Act, the Commissioners shall request the National Capital Park and Planning Commission for its recommendations and it shall be the duty of said Commission to report thereon within thirty days of such request."

SEC. 2. Section 4 of said Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "The Commissioners are also authorized to delegate to the agency any or all of the powers vested in said Commissioners by sections 1 and 2 of the Act entitled 'An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to provide for the parking of automobiles in the Municipal Center', approved June 6, 1940."

December 15, 1944  
[S. J. Res. 156]  
[Public Law 489]

Pearl Harbor catastrophe.  
Extension of statutes of limitation.

57 Stat. 605.  
*Ante*, p. 276.

December 16, 1944  
[H. R. 1951]  
[Public Law 490]

District of Columbia Motor Vehicle Parking Facility Act of 1942, amendments.  
56 Stat. 91.  
D. C. Code, Supp. III, § 40-804 (b).

56 Stat. 92.  
D. C. Code, Supp. III, § 40-805.

54 Stat. 261.

SEC. 3. Section 7 of said District of Columbia Motor Vehicle Parking Facility Act of 1942 is hereby amended by inserting after the figures and abbreviation "(52 Stat. 192)," the words "and the Act entitled 'An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to provide for the parking of automobiles in the Municipal Center', approved June 6, 1940,".

Approved December 16, 1944.

56 Stat. 93.  
D. C. Code, Supp.  
III, § 40-808.

54 Stat. 241.

[CHAPTER 596]

AN ACT

To amend sections 675 and 676 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Code of Law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, regulating the disposal of dead human bodies in the District of Columbia.

December 16, 1944  
[H. R. 3619]  
[Public Law 491]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That sections 675 and 676 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Code of Law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1296), be amended to read as follows:

District of Columbia  
Code, amendments.  
D. C. Code §§ 27-118,  
27-119.

"SEC. 675. REMOVAL OF DEAD BODIES.—No dead body of any human being or any part of such body shall, in said District, be removed from place to place, interred, or in any manner disposed of without a permit for such removal, interment, or disposal granted by the Health Officer of said District, or by the proper municipal, county, or State authorities at the place where the death or disinterment occurred, except that permits for the removal of dead bodies from place to place within the District of Columbia may be issued by any deputy duly appointed as hereinafter prescribed. No human body or any part of such body shall be removed from place to place, interred, or in any manner disposed of otherwise than in accordance with the terms of said permit. Permits issued by the Health Officer or any duly appointed deputy for the removal, interment, or disposal of such dead body or part thereof shall be issued only upon the presentation of a proper death certificate, signed by a physician registered at the Health Department of said District, who has attended the deceased during his or her last illness, or by the coroner of said District or his deputy. No body shall be disinterred in the District of Columbia without a permit granted by the Health Officer. Permits for disinterment (including permission to reinter or transport the body disinterred) shall be issued only upon the written application of the nearest relative or the legal representative of the deceased. No superintendent or other person in charge of any cemetery in said District or other place for the disposal of dead bodies shall assist in or assent to or allow any such interment, disinterment, or disposition to be made in such cemetery or place until permit shall be given as aforesaid. It shall be the duty of the Health Officer of the District of Columbia to furnish all superintendents or other persons in charge of cemeteries in the District of Columbia with a currently correct list of all municipal, county, and State officials authorized to issue burial or removal permits in adjoining States. It shall be the duty of every such superintendent or other person who shall receive any such permit aforesaid to endorse thereon the date of the interment, disinterment, or disposal and to sign and forward the same before 6 o'clock post-meridian of the Saturday following the day of burial, disinterment, or disposal to the Health Officer of said District.

Permits for removal  
of dead human bodies.

Disinterment.

List of authorized  
officials in adjoining  
States.

Endorsement of per-  
mit.

"SEC. 675. (a) APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTIES TO ISSUE REMOVAL PERMITS.—The Commissioners of the District of Columbia, upon recommendation of the Health Officer, may appoint a reasonable number of District of Columbia and United States employees as deputies who shall be authorized to issue permits for the removal of dead human